



May 21, 2013

Item No. 1

APPROVAL OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached Chicago Housing Authority Strategic Plan, *Plan Forward: Communities that Work*.

The Chief Executive Officer supports the submission of this initiative and recommends the approval of this item accordingly.

CORPORATE MISSION

To leverage the power of affordable, decent, safe, and stable housing to help communities thrive and low-income families increase their potential for long-term economic success and a sustained high quality of life.

FUNDING

No CHA Funding is applicable to this request

Explanation

After a robust input process with a diverse group of stakeholders, CHA set forth its new strategic vision, *Plan Forward: Communities that Work*. Plan Forward lays out CHA's newly articulated mission and goals, as well as the strategies that will guide the agency's current and future work. The plan aims to be innovative and forward-thinking, but also realistic and achievable. It stresses the need both to fulfill CHA's obligations under the Plan for Transformation and to plan for a new future for CHA, its residents and their communities. The successful implementation of Plan Forward will require ongoing collaboration with many key stakeholders, including the Board of Commissioners, City of Chicago and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Three high-level, high-impact goals drive Plan Forward:

Reimagine the final phase of the Plan for Transformation, coordinating public and private investments to develop vibrant, complete communities.

CHA will acquire and rehabilitate homes and apartments in neighborhoods across the city and invest in private developments to complete the Plan for Transformation with a focus on communities. CHA will complete and implement smart, community-sensitive plans for all remaining properties; and ensure that all properties on CHA-owned land and surrounding

neighborhoods benefit from a full array of high-quality retail, commercial, educational and community amenities.

Ensure that CHA's housing portfolio is safe, decent and sustainable.

CHA will maintain every housing unit to ensure that safe, decent housing is sustainable in the long term, and will hold contractors, property managers, and landlords accountable for the condition of properties and quality of life.

Expand services to more residents, targeted to their needs, and at critical milestones in their lives.

CHA will provide more services to Housing Choice Voucher holders; support young people to get on and stay on track for success later in life; connect adults to relevant training and jobs; and tailor services to long-time residents unlikely to move.

CHA's CEO/President fully supports and recommends the approval of the agency's new strategic plan, Plan Forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-28

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 21, 2013, requesting adoption of Chicago Housing Authority's new strategic plan, Plan Forward, and concurs with the recommendation contained therein;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners adopts the Chicago Housing Authority Strategic Plan.

